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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN PETROLEUM SUPPLY SITUATION

1. ACCORDING TO MOBIL REP, DUBRULE, GOZ CENTRAL BANK IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, HAS NOT FURNISHED SUFFICIENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE TO SUPPLY ZAIRIAN POL REQUIREMENTS; BUT THE EFFECT OF THIS ACTION WITHIN ZAIRE IS EXTREMELY UNEVEN. PETROZAIRE HAS MADE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO ENSURE NORMAL SUPPLY FOR KINSHASA AREA, AND, WITH EXCEPTION OF A FEW SPECIALITY PRODUCTS, SUCH AS AVIATION GAS, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGES IN THE KINSHASA AREA. STOCKS IN THE REMAINDER OF ZAIRE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SHABA, ARE VIRTUALLY EXHAUSTED. THE SHABA, WITH EXCEPTION OF GECAMINES, HAS RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT OF NORMAL REQUIREMENTS. GECAMINES IS IMPORTING ITS REQUIREMENTS DIRECTLY FROM THE ZAMBIAN REFINERY USING ITS OWN FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

2. AS A RESULT OF HIS TOUR THROUGH THE INTERIOR SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, PRESIDENT MOBUTU ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS THAT MAXIMUM EFFORTS

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WOULD BE GIVEN TO SUPPLYING THE INTERIOR. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CENTRAL BANK HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPLY LESS THAN ADEQUATE FOREIGN EXCHANGE EVEN FOR NORMAL POL REQUIREMENTS. RECENTLY, FOREIGN EXCHANGE HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR TWO TANKERS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. BECAUSE OF THE SHIPMENTS TO THE INTERIOR AND THE DELAY IN SCHEDULING TANKERS, DUBRULE EXPECTS SEVERE POL SHORTAGES IN KINSHASA

AREA ABOUT THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. EXTENT OF SEVERITY
WILL DEPEND UPON AMOUNT OF PRODUCTS SHIPPED TO INTERIOR AND
HOW QUICKLY SUPPLIES FROM TANKERS REACH KINSHASA.
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